

Jesse P. Silva's Dairy  
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August 26, 2010

A.G Kawamura, Secretary  
Calif. Depart of Food and Agriculture  
1220 N. Street, Suite 409  
Sacramento, CA 95714

Dear Secretary Kawamura,

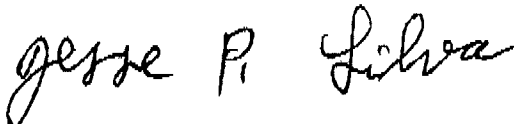
My name is Jesse P. Silva, and I am the owner of the dairy listed above. I have been in the dairy business for many years but have found that things seem to be worse than they ever were before because in the year 2009, from January through December, I lost \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00 monthly. I constantly had to go to the bank and borrow money to keep my dairy business from collapsing, but I cannot keep on borrowing money indefinitely. Soon the banks will refuse to lend me money or else, I will be owing more than my dairy business is worth, and that must not happen.

It is **CRITICAL THAT YOU ESTABLISH A PRICE FLOOR IN CALIFORNIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14.50 PER HUNDRED WEIGHT**. This will give the dairy business stability. Without this, almost every dairy in California will be in serious financial trouble and many will have to **SHUT DOWN PERMANENTLY**.

Even with this **FLOOR PRICE OF \$14.50 PER HUNDRED WEIGHT**, it will take quite a few years to replace the money that many dairy business borrowed to keep the dairy business going in 2009.

I want to ask you to do everything that you can to help me and the other dairy people. I am hoping that this will become reality in the very near future. I am imploring you to help me and help the other dairy business as well.

Sincerely,



JESSE P. SILVA, Owner  
JESSE P. SILVA'S DAIRY